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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 65.8 degrees, 4.9 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, June 22. Precipitation averaged 0.78 inches, 0.18 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 45 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, June 20. This is 4.7 days less than last year and 3.7 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 67 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	1.5	1.6	33.9
2002	6.2	4.7	33.1
1998-2002 Average	5.2	4.1	46.6

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	33	67
Last Week	0	0	29	71
Same Week Last Year	1	11	78	10
1998-2002 Average	8	15	60	17

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 22

Ninety-nine percent of **Corn** plants have emerged. This is three days ahead of last year and the same as the five-year average. **Soybean** producers have 87 percent of their crop planted. This is five days behind 2002 and 14 days behind

the five-year average. Eighty-two percent of soybean plants have emerged. This is one day ahead of last year but eight days behind the five-year average. Reporters estimated 53 percent of **Winter wheat** has turned color. This is two days behind last year and seven days behind the five year average. Sixty-four percent of the **Oat** crop is now headed. This is three days ahead of last year but four days behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have harvested 39 percent of **Alfalfa** hay and 32 percent of **Other** hay.

Vegetable producers have 99 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** planted. This is the same as last year and four days ahead of the 1998-02 average. Forty-nine percent of **Cucumbers** have been planted. **Strawberry** growers have 64 percent of their crops harvested. This is one day behind last year and six days behind of the 1998-02 average.

Spring storms continue to dump large amounts of rain across parts of Ohio. Paulding county received up to 11 inches of rain which caused severe flooding and Defiance county received 4-6 inches within a six hour window. Throughout much of the state, rain has reduced field activities where poorly drained soils are most prevalent. Growers applied fertilizer and herbicides in drier locations. Producers have just about finished planting and replanting soybeans. Farmers were side dressing corn, cutting haylage, and baling hay during the later part of the week. The strawberry harvest continues and vegetable growers planted pumpkins. Farmers, in rain soaked locations, worked on equipment and performed other maintenance activities. Potato plants are reported to be blooming.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Mosquito populations are reported to be high in many locations and have become a pest to the livestock. Horse owners are on the lookout for the west Nile virus. Corn was rated 52 percent good to excellent condition. Corn is said to be improving but slug damage has been reported in various locations. Respondents estimated pastures at 70 percent good to excellent condition. Winter wheat was rated at 75 percent good to excellent condition. Reporters indicated disease problems in winter wheat due to excess moisture and cool temperatures.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 22

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 ST cutting	39	82	87	29	NA
Alfalfa hay 2 nd cutting	1	6	10	NA	NA
Cucumbers planted	49	89	81	45	NA
Corn emerged	99	96	99	96	96
Oats headed	64	55	75	41	NA
Other hay 1 ST cutting	32	64	75	21	NA
Processing tomatoes planted	99	99	98	94	NA
Soybeans planted	87	95	97	83	89
Soybeans emerged	82	80	91	77	79
Strawberries harvested	64	66	81	44	NA
Winter wheat turning color	53	61	84	28	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 22

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	12	33	41	11
Previous Week	3	12	33	43	9
Previous Year	2	11	34	44	9
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	6	15	35	39	5
Previous Week	4	14	33	43	6
Previous Year	2	9	29	51	9
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	6	33	52	8
Previous Week	1	5	30	55	9
Previous Year	1	4	32	53	10
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	25	55	15
Previous Week	1	4	21	58	16
Previous Year	1	4	25	59	11
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	10	36	43	8
Previous Week	3	8	33	47	9
Previous Year	2	9	36	46	7
STRAWBERRIES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	19	57	18
Previous Week	2	4	19	57	18
Previous Year	2	3	29	57	9
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	21	52	23
Previous Week	1	3	16	56	24
Previous Year	2	7	29	50	12

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 22

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	66.6	-4.2	0.73	-0.05	11.82	2.17	103	-40	822	-124
North Central	65.2	-4.9	0.27	-0.65	12.10	2.20	92	-47	804	-111
Northeast	63.0	-5.5	0.48	-0.50	12.36	2.29	79	-50	752	-116
West Central	66.7	-4.6	0.75	-0.12	12.54	1.88	104	-42	913	-89
Central	65.7	-5.5	0.53	-0.51	13.45	2.74	96	-51	941	-85
Central Hills	64.3	-5.3	0.36	-0.64	12.52	1.90	89	-48	844	-88
Northeast Hills	63.5	-6.2	0.62	-0.43	12.53	2.11	85	-52	844	-109
Southwest	67.6	-4.4	1.03	-0.07	13.26	1.44	114	-37	995	-82
South Central	67.7	-4.2	1.47	0.52	16.50	6.04	108	-43	1047	-70
Southeast	65.8	-4.9	1.20	0.20	14.18	3.69	96	-48	958	-76
STATE	65.8	-4.9	0.78	-0.18	13.20	2.70	98	-45	900	-94

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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